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A BILL FOR

1 An Act adding personal finance skills and financial literacy
2 requirements to the education programs school districts and
3 accredited nonpublic schools must offer.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code
1 2 2009, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. The kindergarten program shall include experiences
1 4 designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and
1 5 growth in the language arts and communication skills, as well
1 6 as a capacity for the completion of individual tasks, and
1 7 protect and increase physical well-being with attention given
1 8 to experiences relating to the development of life skills,
1 9 ~~including but not limited to personal finance skills, and~~
1 10 human growth and development. A kindergarten teacher shall be
1 11 licensed to teach in kindergarten. An accredited nonpublic
1 12 school must meet the requirements of this subsection only if
1 13 the nonpublic school offers a kindergarten program.
1 14 3. The following areas shall be taught in grades one
1 15 through six: English=language arts, social studies, financial
1 16 literacy, mathematics, science, health, age=appropriate and
1 17 research-based human growth and development, physical
1 18 education, traffic safety, music, and visual art. The health
1 19 curriculum shall include the characteristics of communicable
1 20 diseases including acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The
1 21 state board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt
1 22 curriculum definitions for implementing the elementary
1 23 program.
1 24 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and
1 25 eight: English=language arts; social studies; financial
1 26 literacy; mathematics; science; health; age=appropriate and
1 27 research-based human growth and development; family, consumer,
1 28 career, and technology education; physical education; music;
1 29 and visual art. The health curriculum shall include
1 30 age=appropriate and research-based information regarding the
1 31 characteristics of sexually transmitted diseases, including
1 32 HPV and the availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV, and
1 33 acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The state board as part
1 34 of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum definitions
1 35 for implementing the program in grades seven and eight.
2 1 However, this subsection shall not apply to the teaching of
2 2 family, consumer, career, and technology education in
2 3 nonpublic schools. For purposes of this section,
2 4 "age=appropriate", "HPV", and "research-based" mean the same
2 5 as defined in section 279.50.
2 6 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsection 5, Code 2009, is
2 7 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
2 8 NEW PARAGRAPH. k. One-half unit of financial literacy
2 9 that meets the core curriculum requirements established
2 10 pursuant to section 256.7, subsection 26, paragraph "a".
2 11 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
2 12 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
2 13 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
2 14 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
2 15 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
2 16 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
2 17 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
2 18 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
2 19 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by

2 20 and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
2 21 districts.

2 22 EXPLANATION

2 23 This bill requires school districts and accredited
2 24 nonpublic schools to offer personal finance skills and
2 25 literacy in their kindergarten through grade 12 education
2 26 programs. The kindergarten program must include personal
2 27 finance skills; the grade 1=8 programs must include financial
2 28 literacy; and the grade 9=12 program must provide one-half
2 29 unit of financial literacy that meets the core curriculum
2 30 requirements established by the state board of education.

2 31 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
2 32 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
2 33 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
2 34 district from state school foundation aid received by the
2 35 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
3 1 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
3 2 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
3 3 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
3 4 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
3 5 state mandates included in the bill.

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